

WHY ARE WE IN LIBYA?

“We're in Libya because of oil.” — Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA), MSNBC, March 21, 2011

“Libya has the largest proven oil reserves in Africa” — DOE/EIA

BACKGROUND

Area around Tripoli, Libya's capital, ruled by Italy — killed hundreds of thousands

Italy defeated in WW II (1943)

UN administered Libya until its independence in 1951

Col. Gaddafi came to power in a bloodless coup in 1969

Espoused Third Universal Theory — a combination of socialism and Islam

Based in part on tribal practices — a unique form of “direct democracy.”

Libyans enjoy the highest standard of living in Africa — World Atlas

DEMONIZE, DESTABILIZE GADDAFI

Accused by U.S. of building thousands of miles of underground tunnels to house chemical weapons facilities — “tunnels of death” (1997)

The international press labeled these as the 8th Wonder of the World, aka Great Man-Made River Project to irrigate 400,000 acres — Israel's 700 irrigated acres in the Negev do not begin to compare

Reagan bombed Gaddafi's compound, killed his daughter (1986)

Accused of bombing PanAm Flight 103 — Libyan national Megrahi convicted (1988)

Professor Robert Black, a former judge and Scotland's leading expert on criminal procedure and evidence, described the January 31 decision as “astonishing.”

Prof. Black devised the format of the Netherlands-based trial, conducted under Scottish law at Camp Zeist

Britain's MI6 has been active for decades in stirring up Benghazi against Gaddafi— syndicated columnist Eric Margolis

“This is a memo that describes how we're going to take out seven countries in five years, starting with Iraq, and then Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and, finishing off, Iran.” — Gen. Wesley Clark on Democracy Now! March 2, 2007

THE REBELLION

“Britain's elite Special Air Service (SAS) has been rallying anti-Gaddafi forces in and around Benghazi, seizing desert oil installations, and helping attack pro-Gaddafi forces.” — Eric Margolis

Anti-Gaddafi civilians broke into military stores and began fighting — Margolis

Obama asked Saudi Arabia to arm the rebels

Reports weapons flowing to Libyan rebels through Egypt

British SAS officers caught with weapons and explosives near Benghazi — Telegraph, March 6

Food prices tripled causing unrest — a result of U.S. bio-fuels policy

Libya's rebellion very different from Tunisia, Egypt, Bahrain, etc

Greater violence a direct result of the arming of rebels by foreign powers — rebel spokesman Hafiz Ghoga foreign intervention “unwelcome”

[The special forces are used] to put down rebellions or to start one. — Henry H. Shelton, Head US Special Forces, "60 Minutes," April 30, 1995 (In 1997, Gen. Shelton became Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff)

UN RESOLUTION 1973 (2011)

Bans all flights in the airspace over Libya

Authorizes UN member states to take “all necessary measures ... to protect civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack”

Excludes a foreign occupation force of any form on any part of Libya

Appears to violate the non-intervention provision of UN Charter — “No State or group of States has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other State”

Violates Catholic Just War doctrine — similar to Islam's

Voting for: U.S., Britain, France, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, Gabon, Lebanon, Nigeria, Portugal and South Africa. Abstaining: Brazil, Russia, India, China and Germany

Supported by Arab League, CSID, U.S. faith and other leaders

In exchange, the U.S. promised to protect the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) kings, sheikhs, oligarchs from the democratic aspirations of their own subjects

Opposed by African Union — Western powers had earlier mentioned the Arab League and African Union as representing "regional opinion"

ATTACK ON LIBYA

On the first day, the U.S. launched 122 cruise missiles, France launched 2

French president Sarkozy is facing a tough reelection. Attacking Libya helps his campaign against “neo-fascist” Marine le Pen

Amr Moussa later attempted to backtrack — aiming for Egypt’s presidency

Violates U.S. Constitution: “The president does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation.” — Sen. Obama, December 2007

Rebels thank France but want 'outside forces' to quit Libya, said rebel leader Mahmoud Jibril (missing on U.S. television) — AFP

New rebel leader and CIA asset, Khalifa Hifter (or Haftar), spent much of past 20 years in suburban Virginia

Radwan Masmoudi, Aly Abuzakouk, Radwan Ziadeh (CSID); Zalmay Khalilzad (NED); Khalifa Hifter connection

ULITMATE GOAL

Control Libya’s oil reserves

Establish bases for AFRICOM

Control the resources and markets of other countries

DOUBLE STANDARD

Have Libyan forces carried out massacres of such magnitude in recaptured towns and cities as to morally mandate intervention?

Israel killed more civilians in two weeks than Gaddafi did. Why not a no-fly zone over Israel?

UN High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change: “The panel defined terrorism as any action intended to cause death or serious bodily harm to civilians or non-combatants with the purpose of intimidating a population or compelling a government or an international organisation to do, or abstain from, any act.”

IF GADDAFI IS OUSTED

Libyans, now enjoying the highest standard of living in Africa, may wake up to democracy American style — corporations vote with their checkbooks, the rich get richer, the poor get poorer